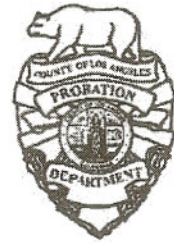




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January 24, 2011

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM:  Donald H. Blevins  
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SUBJECT: **CAMP JOSEPH PAIGE LAUNDRY ROOM FIRE**

This is to advise your Board that a fire occurred in the Camp Paige laundry room area on January 23, 2011 at approximately 4:10 a.m. The dorm fire alarm sounded alerting dorm night staff and other facility staff of a fire with a 911 call immediately placed to emergency services notifying of the fire. Simultaneously, all minors exited the dorm under staff supervision lining up in a designated area with all minors and staff accounted for.

Camp facility staff made an effort to extinguish the fire using the dormitory fire hose. The laundry room was filled with smoke and the heat was intense making it difficult to fight the fire. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's and Fire Department arrived and were informed that all minors were safe and accounted for. The Sheriff's provided a security perimeter as directed by the facility acting director as the fire department was directed to the area of the fire and quickly extinguished the fire. Neighboring camp staff arrived on site to provide ancillary assistance.

The Fire Department arson team reported that the fire resulted from "spontaneous combustion" and that the dorm was safe for occupancy. All minors were returned to the dorm at 6:15 a.m. There was no injury to minors or reported staff injury.

The preliminary fire damage report is as follows:

- Property damage is isolated to the laundry room area
- Per the fire department, a rough facility damage estimate is \$5,000
- Property (clothing, towels, linen, incidentals, etc.) damage value is unknown
- There is no noticeable smoke smell or security breach resulting from the fire
- Internal Service Department has been notified to assess damage

Further investigation is pending and I will apprise the Board with more information as it becomes available.

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c: William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer  
Honorable Michael Nash, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court  
Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
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